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14. ([] - JMM) Met with Senator John Stennis and explained our problem with [] who wanted us to include members of his staff in a discussion of sensitive Agency matters. Senator Stennis fully agreed this was not permissible, and approved of a draft letter from the Director to Senator Case to this effect.

Senator Stennis said he hoped to have an early Committee meeting to clear up some matters of concern. I asked whether he planned a meeting of the Agency Subcommittee or the full Armed Services Committee and he said he hadn't decided. I asked if he wished to cover the significance of recent developments regarding the intelligence community and he said this might be a good idea, but he was also interested in a roundup briefing.

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15. ([] - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and informed him of the above meeting with Senator Stennis and he said he hoped that, in explaining the new set up in the intelligence community, the Director would be more forthcoming than Defense Department representatives had been recently.

Mr. Braswell said he was concerned about the "legal authority" of the recent changes in the intelligence community ordered by the President. I said I thought this authority was implicit in the National Security Act. Braswell said he wasn't entirely satisfied with this and would like us to provide a legal opinion pointing out the specific provisions of the National Security Act that authorized the establishment of new committees and subcommittees, and personnel assignments, under the President's directive. He said he might have to go to the Attorney General on this. I said we would have a go at it also and let him know the results.

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16. ([] - JMM) Met with John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who said they would like copies of any Executive Orders or Directives concerning the new set up in the intelligence community. I said I had seen no such orders and doubted that any would be made public.

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1. [] - GLC) Called Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to alert them to the fact that Senator Symington had introduced a resolution (S. Res. 192) to establish a select committee to oversee activities of various agencies abroad including CIA. Braswell commented he thought this proposal had to be taken very seriously.

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2. [] - GLC) Jean Gordon, Administrative Assistant to Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.), called to say the Congressman would like to come out to see the Director tomorrow morning. He said he had something he wanted to give the Director personally. After checking with the Director, an appointment was made for him to come out tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

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3. [] - GLC) Called Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and General James Lawrence, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), to make certain they were aware of the Agency's concern with several of the provisions of the Special Foreign Military and Related Assistance Act (S. 2819), especially Section 513 of the bill as it applies to Laos. I told them of Mr. Maury's conversations with Clark MacGregor and MacGregor's assurance that he would take care of the matter. I said I merely wished to be sure they also knew our position.

Symmes suggested that we discuss this with Mark Pratt, of State Department, who is preparing position papers on the legislation. []

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[] subsequently did this.)

General Lawrence said he didn't know who had the action on the bill for the Administration and said there was still some question as to the form which House Foreign Affairs Committee action would take. He said he would discuss the matter with Rady Johnson and be back in touch with us.

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